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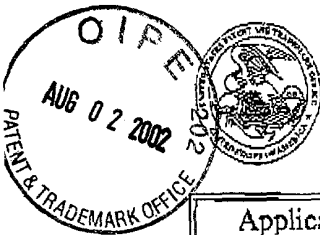
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Title: Dual containment tubing cutter

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## Request for Substitute Papers

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The enclosed papers are a complete and accurate copy of the above-identified papers.

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Attorney Docket No.: 2267.629US01

John B. Stoick et al.

Application No.: 10/001,708

Filed: October 18, 2001

Group Art Unit: 3724

For: DUAL CONTAINMENT TUBING CUTTER

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERSAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (copy attached) mailed December 21, 2001, submitted herewith are 3 sheets of informal drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR SUBSTITUTE PAPERSAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Request for Substitute Papers (copy attached) mailed July 12, 2002, submitted herewith is a complete and accurate copy of the papers mailed on February 19, 2002 for the above-referenced application. The papers being submitted are copies of the postcard, Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, and three (3) sheets of informal drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

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